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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ICRC, VN, UN

SUBJ: ICRC EXPRESSES INTEREST IN POSSIBLE US AID TO  
VIETNAM

1. IN COURSE LUNCHEON CONVERSATION TODAY ICRC'S OPERATIONS DIRECTOR JEAN-PIERRE HOCKE EXPRESSED TO MISOFF GREAT INTEREST IN OUTCOME OF WOODCOCK MISSION. HOCKE INQUIRED PARTICULARLY CONCERNING VIETNAMESE REACTIONS TO APPROACHES ON MIA, RELEASE OF AMERICAN DEPENDENTS STILL IN VIETNAM, AND NOTABLY, ON RETURN "REVERSE BABY-LIFT". MISOFF RESPONDED ON BASIS OF REPORTS THAT HAVE APPEARED IN MEDIA, INCLUDING DEATH AND RETURN OF BODY OF TUCKER GOUGELMAN, WHOSE WHEREABOUTS ICRC HAD BEEN SEEKING ON OUR BEHALF (HOCKE HAD JUST RETURNED TO GENEVA FROM EXTENDED TRIP TO INDIA AND POLAND, AND WAS POORLY INFORMED ON RECENT WESTERN REPORTING OF THIS SUBJECT.)

2. PROCEEDING FROM THIS, HOCKE REFERRED TO ICRC'S ONGOING PROGRAM IN VIETNAM AND TO THE CURRENT SEVERE SHORTAGES OF RICE AND OTHER FOODSTUFFS THERE. IN THIS CONNECTION HE STATED THAT SHOULD DEVELOPMENTS LEAD TO USG DECISION TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO VIETNAM, HE WOULD HOPE THAT ICRC'S AVAILABILITY AS A CHANNEL FOR PROVISION OF MATERIAL AID  
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MIGHT BE KEPT IN MIND. SPECIFICALLY, HE STATED, WHILE ICRC WOULD NOT BE PREPARED TO EQUIPPED TO MANAGE A MASSIVE FOOD RELIEF PROGRAM, IT WOULD BE AVAILABLE TO DISTRIBUTE ANY QUANTITIES BETWEEN 20,000 AND 50,000 TONS OF GRAINS, WHICH ARE DESPERATELY NEEDED. FOOD SUPPLIES WITHIN THIS RANGE WOULD DOVETAIL VERY NICELY WITH ICRC'S CURRENT VIETNAMESE PROGRAM AND COULD BE READILY AND EFFICITNLY CONTROLLED.

3. ACTION REQUESTED. (1) PLEASE ADVISE MISSION OF ANY  
RELEVANT INFORMATION CONCERNING OUTCOME OF WOODCOCK  
MISSION WHICH MIGHT BE SHARED WITH HOCKE. (2) AS AND  
WHEN AVAILABLE, WE WOULD APPRECIATE HAVING ANY REACTION  
TO HOCKE'S SUGGESTION THAT U.S. ASSISTANCE IN GRAIN FOR  
VIETNAM MIGHT BE CHANNELED THROUGH ICRC.SORENSEN

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